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SUBJECT: ANTI-HIJACKING CONTACT GROUP

FOLLOWING ARE TALKING POINTS WHICH NETHERLANDS, US,
FRG AND JAPAN DRAFTED AND WHICH MEMBERS OF GROUP ARE
TO CONSIDER AND BE PREPARED TO REACH AGREEMENT ON AT
NEXT MEETING OF CONTACT GROUP:

1. ON NOVEMBER 1, 1977 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE
UNITED NATIONS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS RESOLUTION 32/8
IN WHICH IT REAFFIRMED ITS CONDEMNATION OF ACTS OF
AERIAL HIJACKING. IT ALSO APPEALED TO ALL STATES
WHICH HAVE NOT YET DONE SO TO GIVE URGENT CONSIDERATION
TO RATIFYING OR ACCEDING TO THE CONVENTIONS CONCERNING
UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE WITH CIVIL AVIATION, I.E. THE
CONVENTIONS OF TOKYO, THE HAGUE AND MONTREAL.

2. THE PROBLEM OF AERIAL HIJACKING IS STILL FAR FROM
SOLVED. THE FACT THAT RESOLUTION 32/8 WAS ADOPTED BY
CONSENSUS SEEMS TO REFLECT, HOWEVER, A GROWING AWARE-
NESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY THAT EFFECTIVE
ACTION MUST BE TAKEN.

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3. A GROUP OF ABOUT 20 STATES HAS CONSULTED TOGETHER
AND CONSIDERS THAT ACTS OF UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE
WITH INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY
REDUCED IF ALL STATES SHOULD RATIFY OR ACCEDE TO THE
THREE CONVENTIONS. TO THAT END THE GROUP HAS DECIDED
TO UNDERTAKE APPROACHES IN THE CAPITALS OF THOSE
COUNTRIES THAT HAVE FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER NOT

YET ADHERED TO ALL THREE OR TO ANY ONE OF THE CONVENTIONS
WITH A VIEW OF REQUESTING THEM TO DO SO AS EARLY AS
POSSIBLE.

(FOR THE AMBASSADORS IN THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED)

A. THE REASONS WHY THE COUNTRY YOU ARE ACCREDITED
TO HAS NOT YET RATIFIED, MAY BE EITHER OF A POLITICAL
NATURE OR, AS IS LIKELY IN THE MAJORITY OF CASES,
SIMPLY OF A BUREAUCRATIC OR ADMINISTRATIVE NATURE.
BEFORE MAKING THE APPROACH YOU SHOULD SEEK TO ASCERTAIN
WHICH ONE OF THE TWO APPLIES AND TAILOR YOUR APPROACH
ACCORDINGLY.

B. IT IS QUITE LIKELY THAT YOU WILL BE REQUESTED
TO UNDERTAKE YOUR DEMARCHE TOGETHER WITH ONE OR TWO
COLLEAGUES FROM OTHER COUNTRIES. IN THIS CASE YOU
SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEM BEFOREHAND AND DECIDE
WHETHER YOU WILL UNDERTAKE A JOINT APPROACH OR WHETHER
ONE OF YOU WILL GO ALSO ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE
OTHERS BEGIN BRACKET AND WHETHER OR NOT IT IS AD-
VISABLE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT YOU ACT ON BEHALF OF
THE WHOLE GROUP OF 20 COUNTRIES CLOSE BRACKET. THE
LEVEL AT WHICH TO UNDERTAKE THE APPROACH WOULD ALSO
BE LEFT TO YOUR DISCRETION EXCEPT THAT IT SHOULD BE
AT AN APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL.
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C. YOU WILL OF COURSE BE ADVISED AS TO WHICH COLLEAGUES
ARE TO ACT IN CONCERT WITH YOU. IT IS THE INTENTION
OF THE GROUP THAT, IF POSSIBLE, ONE OF THE AMBASSADORS
INVOLVED REPRESENTS A COUNTRY OF THE SAME REGIONAL
GROUP AS THE COUNTRY OF YOUR RESIDENCE. YOUNG

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